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SUBJECT: PROPOSED NAC ON EAST-WEST ISSUES AND SOVIET
DEVELOPMENTS

FOR AMBASSADOR BRUCE FROM SONNENFELDT

1. IF PRESENT PLANS HOLD, ART HARTMAN AND I PLAN TO REMAIN
IN EUROPE FOR A FEW DAYS FOLLOWING SECRETARY'S
COMPLETION OF BUSINESS IN PARIS AND RETURN HOME ON
FEBRUARY 18. WE ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND DITCHLEY CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 21-23. IF THERE IS INTEREST IN THE COUNCIL WE
WOULD BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL SESSION DEVOTED
TO RELATIONS WITH USSR AND RECENT SOVIET DEVELOPMENTS. IT
STRIKES US THIS MAY BE USEFUL TIME FOR SUCH CONSULTATION
IN VIEW OF SERIES OF DEVELOPMENTS SINCE MINISTERIAL. WE
ARE ALSO CONSCIOUS THAT PROPOSED DISCUSSION LAST MONTH,
AFTER SOVIET CANCELLATION OF TRADE AGREEMENT, WAS ABORTED
AT OUR INITIATIVE.

2. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE PROBLEM, COULD YOU DISCUSS THIS
SUGGESTION WITH LUNS OR PANZA? BEFORE DOING SO YOU MIGHT
TOUCH BASE WITH PECK SINCE BRITISH WILL PRESUMABLY WISH
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TO MAKE SOME SORT OF REPORT TO COUNCIL ON WILSON'S SOVIET

TRIP. WHILE WE HAVE NO DESIRE TO UPSTAGE ANY SUCH REPORT,
IT MIGHT BE MOST USEFUL TO USE PROPOSED SPECIAL COUNCIL
SESSION FOR THAT PURPOSE ALSO. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE
WOULD NOT WISH TO LAUNCH INTO BROAD DISCUSSION IF

BRITISH ARE SENSITIVE ABOUT DOING SO IMMEDIATELY AFTER
WILSON VISIT. WE WOULD OF COURSE DEFER TO BRITISH WISHES.

3. AS REGARDS TIMING, WE COULD MEET WITH COUNCIL ANY TIME
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, OR MORNING OF FEBRUARY 21, BEFORE
DEPARTING FOR DITCHLEY. SUBJECT TO CONSIDERATIONS IN
PARA 2 SENIOR PARTICIPANTS FROM OTHER CAPITALS WOULD BE
WELCOME. KISSINGER

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